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Amendments to Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (previously presented): A motorcycle loading device consisting of:

- a) a ramp support structure connecting to the tailgate attachment brackets;
- b) an adaptor plate and arm connecting the pickup tailgate attachment hardware to the ramp support structure;
- c) a two segment pivoting telescoping ramp assembly with mounting and pivot hardware which attach to the support structure;
- d) a ramp support structure and ramp assembly, which when extended, provides an inclined planar surface from the ground to the truck bed;
- e) a damper reaction tube connecting the ramp assembly mounting lugs to a gas spring damper which modulates the rate of pivot of the ramp;
- f) a gas spring damper to modulate the rate of pivot;

for use with a pickup truck, which consists of a cab, a frame, a bed or box consisting of a base, two sides, a front, and an open rear section, and removable tailgate, consisting of attachment brackets and attachment hardware.

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Claim 12 (previously presented): A loading device of claim 11 wherein the ramp support frame uses the tailgate attachment brackets for attachment.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A loading device of claim 11 wherein the loading ramp consists of two telescoping sections pivotally coupled to the ramp support frame.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A loading device of claim 11 wherein the loading ramp and support structure may be easily installed or removed, without the use of tools, from the pickup truck.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A loading device of claim 11 wherein the loading ramp pivotal movement is controlled by the utilization of a gas spring or similar damping device.

Claim 16 (previously presented): A loading device of claim 11 wherein the loading ramp and support frame extends the bed of the truck, thus allowing for additional cargo space.

Claim 17 (previously presented): A loading device of claim 16 wherein the loading ramp, support frame and mounting components may be dimensionally adjusted to be utilized with various pickup trucks.

Claim 18 (previously presented): A loading device of claim 17 provides a planar surface along the entire ramp surface when in an extended position.